Statement II

Statement showing Ralease Under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP)

(Rs. in Crores)

State/UT	(1992-93)	(1993-94)	(1994-95)
Andhra Pradesh	25.470	46.240	46.440
Arunachal Pradesh	4.620	7.460	8.420
Assam	13.700	13.700	19.492
Bihar	18.474	48.560	28.045
Goa	0.550	1.340	1.290
Gujarat	16.330	29.560	30.390
Haryana	8.328	18.130	20.398
Himachal Pradesh	6.420	10.330	9.585
Jammu & Kashmir	19.000	18.888	36.390
Karnataka	23.420	37.120	44.077
Kerala	11.910	21.270	21.720
Madhya Pradesh	27.021	48.000	58.335
Maharashtra	24.237	54.880	61.820
Manipur	3.080	3.080	3.090
Meghalaya	4.200	4.200	5.328
Mizoram	1.290	2.100	2.464
Nagaland	2.281	3.890	0.000
Orissa	13.350	23.600	24.832
Punjab	4.240	8.880	8.750
Rajasthan	41.830	71.290	82.310
Sikkim	3.677	3.720	4.650
Tamil Nadu	20.190	34.700	42.356
Tripura	3.040	3.500	8.990
Uttar Pradesh	47.240	76.472	86.160
West Bengal	18.240	29.520	28.245
A & N Island	0.000	0.000	0.000
Chandigarh	0.000	0.000	0.000
D & N Haveli	0.000	0.300	0.250
Delhi	0.072	0.197	0.000
Lakshadweep	0.000	0.400	0.000
Pondicherry	0.130	0.260	0.130
Daman & Diu	0.220	0.965	0.000
TOTAL:	362.560	622.732	675.957

Notice to Drug Units

526. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item in the "Times of India" on 6th February, 1996 captioned "Drug Units get Rs. 500 crores notices";

(b) the names of companies to whom notices under Drug Prices Equalisation Account has been issued and the amount worked out against each; and

(c) the total amount recovered by Government during the year 1995 alongwith total amount due from Drug Companies upto 31st January, 1996?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has seen the news item in the "Times of India" (Business Times Section) dated 6th February, 1996 captioned "Ministry slaps over 150 notices on drug companies"

(b) The recent notices issued by the Government are not recovery notices but these are notices wherein the concerned drug companies have been asked to furnish details relevant for the purpose of computation of their DPEA liability, if any.

(c) The entire question of the quantum of liabilities against the drug companies is being reviewed by a Three Member Committee headed by a retired High Court Judge.

Mini Steel Plants

527. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRI RAMJI LAL:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mini steel plants established in the country during the past three years;

(b) the number of steel plants to be established during the year 1996-97; and

(c) the criterion adopted by Government for establishing these plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI

SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The term 'mini steel plant' generally refers to units of relatively smaller capacities manufacturing steel through the Electric Arc Furnace route.

As per available information, 3 Electric Arc Furnace Units with individual capacities of less than 5 lakhs tonnes per annum have been established in the country during the last three years and 5 Electric Arc Furnace units are expected to be established during the year 1996-97.

(c) The iron and steel industry has been exempted from the purview of compulsory licensing, subject to certain locational restrictions. As entrepreneur wishing to set up an iron or steel unit does not require an industrial licence unless the plant is proposed to be located within 25 kms. of a city having a population of more than 10 lakhs as per 1991 census. No industrial licence is required if the unit is proposed to be set up within an area designated as industrial area by any State Govt. before July 25, 1991. As such entrepreneurs are free to make investment decisions on the basis of their own commercial judgement.

News Report on Madhya Pradesh Government's Decision to vend IMFL

528. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government is drawn to a news-item in the 'Pioneer' dated the 18th January, 1996 regarding the decision of Madhya Pradesh Government to vend IMFL in Tribal areas;

(b) if so, whether the same will be adopted by Government of India for application in all other States and Union Territories; and

(c) the number of such IMFL vending units/distilleries/retail shops, privately and Government-owned, functioning in the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli, separately in industrial and tribal areas?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Government has requested the State Governments and the Union Territory Admns. to step commercial vending of alcoholic beverages in the tribal areas and also to encourage official and non-official voluntary organisations to wean the tribals away from the habit of drinking alcoholic beverages. In areas, where the custom of browing local beverages is not prevalent among the tribals, due to mixing of their population and general advancement and also in industrial complexes and towns in the tribal areas, the sale of liquor could be through Government shops only.

(c) Dadra & Nagar Haveli Admn. has reported that there are total 36 private IMFL wholesale-cum-retail licences out of which 17 are in tribal areas. No licencee is situated in industrial area or being run by the Administration. There is no IMFL distillery in this Union Territory.

Watershed Development Programmes in Rural areas

529. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposals to finance watershed development in rural areas;

(b) if so, details of such proposals; and

(c) whether any funds have been released to Andhra Pradesh for this purpose during 1995-96?